

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NOS. 2019-185-E AND 2019-186-E

IN RE:	South Carolina Energy Freedom Act (H.3659))	
	Proceeding to Establish Duke Energy Progress,)	
	LLC's and Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC's)	
	Standard Offer, Avoided Cost Methodologies,)	MOTION TO PRESENT WITNESS VIA VIDEO CONFERENCE
	Form Contract Power Purchase Agreements,)	
	Commitment to Sell Forms, and Any Other)	
	Terms or Conditions Necessary (Includes)	
	Small Power Producers as Defined in 16)	
	United States Code 796, as Amended) – S.C.)	
	Code Ann. Section 58-41-20(A))	

The South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) respectfully requests the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) issue an order permitting its witness Brian Horii, of Energy and Environmental Economics, Inc. (“E3”) to present testimony during the hearing scheduled to begin October 22, 2019, via video conference. On August 8, 2019, ORS filed a letter requesting that the Commission permit ORS the ability to present its expert witnesses via video conferencing. On August 23, 2019, the Commission issued a memo to all parties in these dockets scheduling a meeting for September 12, 2019, to demonstrate the Commission’s web conferencing capabilities. On September 9, 2019, counsel for Duke Energy Carolinas, LLC and Duke Energy Progress, LLC (collectively referred to herein as the “Companies”) filed a letter expressing concern with the potential for parties to present their witnesses via video conference in these proceedings.

In support of its motion, ORS respectfully states the following:

1. Allowing ORS’s expert witness to present his testimony via video conference promotes judicial economy and helps ensure a predictable time and date of testimony presentation.

Due to the potential length of the hearings in the avoided cost dockets in which Mr. Horii

is testifying, he would be required to either make multiple trips from his residence in California or stay in Columbia for a very extended period, and if there are multiple trips, there are always concerns that travel can be delayed or cancelled.

2. The demanding scheduling requirements of the avoided cost dockets presents a unique and non-ordinary scheduling challenge that video conferencing can help resolve.
3. Allowing ORS's expert witness to present his testimony via video conference mitigates costs.
4. All parties and the Commissioners will be afforded the opportunity to cross-examine ORS's expert witness presented via video conference.

For the foregoing reasons, ORS respectfully requests that the Commission issue an order allowing its expert witness to present his testimony via video conference and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,



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